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RENEGOTIATION OF US/EURATOM AGREEMENT

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1. IN THE FACE OF CONTINUED FRENCH OPPOSITION TO
RENEGOTIATION OF THE US/EURATOM AGREEMENT, THE APRIL 4
EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL WAS UNABLE TO DECIDE A
COMMUNITY POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

2. ACCORDING TO AN EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, COMMISSIONER
GUIDO BRUNNER SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL A COMPROMISE
RECOMMENDATION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO SEND A
POSITIVE REPLY TO THE U.S. REQUEST FOR INITIATION OF
NEGOTIATIONS. COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ISSUE WAS BRIEF.

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DE GUIRINGAUD (FRANCE) FLATLY REFUSED NEGOTIATIONS.
IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE
REFERRED TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EUROPEAN COUNCIL
MEETING IN COPENHAGEN APRIL 7-8.

3. A FRENCH SPOKESMAN, AS QUOTED BY FRENCH JOURNALISTS,
TOLD REPORTERS PRIOR TO COUNCIL DEBATE THAT THE EC SHOULD

NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE PUSHED BY THE U.S., SINCE PRESIDENT
CARTER CAN, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT,
OVERRIDE EXPORT LICENSE DENIALS BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION IF THESE ARE FOUND TO PREJUDICE
U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES OR TO JEOPARDIZE U.S.
SECURITY. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE U.S. PROMISED BEFORE
THE COMMENCEMENT OF INFCE THAT NO NEGOTIATION NEED BE
HELD BEFORE COMPLETION OF THAT EVALUATION. MORRIS

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